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TAGS: UNCTAD, ETRD

SUBJ: SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS: STATEMENT BY CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN  
ERNEST JONES-PARRY

1. AFTER AN ENCOURAGING START, THE UNCTAD SUGAR CONFERENCE NOW SEEMS TO BE ON DEAD CENTER, WITH LITTLE EVIDENCE SO FAR THAT THE EXPORTERS ARE PREPARED TO BUDGE FROM PRE-CONFERENCE POSITIONS TO NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST. IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE THE CONFERENCE OUT OF ITS STALLED STAGE, ON MAY 13, ISO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JONES-PARRY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, LECTURED THE CONFERENCE'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

2. JONES-PARRY ANNOUNCED HIS APPREHENSIVENESS AT THE

LACK OF PROGRESS AT THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE US PROPOSALS AND THE STRONG SUPPORT TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) GIVEN BY PRESIDENT CARTER (STATE 101510). HE NOTED NOT ALL COMPONENTS OF THE US PACKAGE WERE ACCEPTABLE BUT CITED US FLEXIBILITY.

3. JONES-PARRY THEN POINTED OUT THAT IF THE US PROPOSALS WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE, WORKING GROUP I HAD THE OBLIGATION OF FINDING ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG, THE US CONGRESS, AND TO PARLIAMENTS ELSEWHERE.

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4. HE NOTED ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE EC, HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DEDICATION TO THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT GIVING STABLE PRICES TO EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, ADDING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS ONLY ONE CHANGE FOR REACHING AGREEMENT, AND THIS PERIOD ENDS MAY 27. HE PLEADED WITH DELEGATES TO END THEIR POLICY OF BRINKSMANSHIP, TO SET UP A FRAMEWORK, AND TO WORK OUT NUTS AND BOLTS. FINALLY, JONES-PARRY CALLED FOR A SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION.

5. COMMENT: JONES-PARRY'S INTERVENTION WAS A PERSONAL AND AT TIMES TESTY EFFORT TO SHAKE THE CONFERENCE OUT OF ITS LETHARGY AND TO LAY BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS, AT THE FEET OF THE EXPORTERS. EXPORTER REACTION, EXPRESSED TO US INFORMALLY, WAS NEGATIVE. THE CHAIRMAN WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING TOO MUCH NOTE OF THE US AND NOT ENOUGH OF A "BALANCED" APPROACH. SORENSON

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